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SUBJECT: POSSIBILITIES OF WORK ABROAD FOR VIETNAMESE
REFUGEES IN USA

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1. APPRECIATE SUGGESTION REFTEL REGARDING EMPLOYMENT OF
INDOCHINESE REFUGEES IN BAHRAIN. DEPT HAS DISCUSSED
PROPOSAL WITH INS, HEW AND KNOWLEDGEABLE VIETNAMESE.

2. WITH RESPECT TO LEGAL POINTS, AMBASSADOR'S ANALYSIS
CORRECT. INS INFORMS US THAT REFUGEES WHO CURRENTLY HOLD
PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIEN STATUS MUST WORK FOR U.S. FIRM
ABROAD, OR TIME OUTSIDE U.S. DOES NOT COUNT TOWARD
CITIZENSHIP. IN ADDITION, PERMISSION TO RESIDE OUTSIDE
U.S. GRANTED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS BY INS. FOR THOSE
REFUGEES WHO STILL ARE IN PAROLE STATUS, ANY TIME SPENT
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OUTSIDE U.S. IS SUBTRACTED FROM CITIZENSHIP ELIGIBILITY
REGARDLESS OF EMPLOYER.

3. ON MORE FUNDAMENTAL LEVEL, GENERAL VIEW HERE IS THAT
MOST REFUGEES WITH MARKETABLE JOB SKILLS; I.E., TECHNI-
CIANS, ALREADY HAVE WELL-PAYING JOBS IN U.S. THOSE WHO
ARE UNEMPLOYED ARE GENERALLY EX-MILITARY OR STUDENTS WHO

DO NOT HAVE MARKETABLE SKILLS. WHILE WAGE SCALES OFFERED IN BAHRAIN MAY BE ATTRACTIVE TO THIRD COUNTRY RESIDENTS, WHERE WAGES ARE MUCH LOWER THAN IN U.S., SAME WOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE TRUE IN COMPARISON WITH U.S. LEVELS. DOCTORS, ETC. ASPIRING TO PRACTICE IN U.S. HAVE ALREADY ASSOCIATED THEMSELVES WITH HOSPITALS HERE TO QUALIFY FOR STATE LICENSES. DOUBTFUL IF THEY WOULD LEAVE AND THUS LOSE CHANCE AT U.S. PRACTICE.

4. THERE MIGHT, HOWEVER, BE A FEW HUNDRED REFUGEES BOTH QUALIFIED AND WILLING TO WORK OVERSEAS DESPITE DISADVANTAGES. IF YOU DESIRE TO PURSUE MATTER ON THIS BASIS, PLEASE PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING EMPLOYMENT AND LIVING OPPORTUNITIES WHICH WE WILL PUBLICIZE WITHIN INDOCHINESE REFUGEE COMMUNITY HERE. CHRISTOPHER

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